

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2018-318-E

In the Matter of: )  
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Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC )  
For Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules )  
and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting )  
Order )

**STIPULATION**

This Stipulation is made by and between the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Company") (together, the "Parties").

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018, the Company filed an application in the above referenced proceeding proposing changes in its rates, charges, and tariffs for electric service to be effective on June 1, 2019 ("Application");

WHEREAS, in the Application the Company sought approval of a Prepaid Advantage Pilot ("Prepaid Pilot") to allow for DEP customers the ability to pre-pay for electricity and eliminate the need for deposits;

WHEREAS, ORS believes that the Prepaid Pilot should be considered in a proceeding independent from the Application;

WHEREAS, the Company is amenable to an independent proceeding for the Prepaid Pilot;

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that their interests and those of the public would be best served by reaching an agreement on these matters under the following terms, and the Parties stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Company hereby withdraws from Commission consideration the Prepaid Pilot.

2. All testimony and evidence regarding the Prepaid Pilot and agreed upon by the Parties may, at the moving party's discretion, be moved to the new docket to ensure efficiency, and the Parties shall move that all parties to Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") Docket No. 2018-318-E, who have expressed any position on the Prepaid Pilot shall automatically be granted intervenor status;

3. The Parties agree that provided DEP implements the Prepaid Pilot in the same manner that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") implements its Prepaid Pilot Advantage Program, ORS will not object to DEP's Prepaid Pilot. Furthermore, provided DEP implements the Prepaid Pilot in the same manner that DEC implements its Prepaid Pilot Advantage Program, ORS will not oppose the Company seeking expedited review of its Prepaid Pilot.

4. This Stipulation shall not prevent or limit any party from conducting discovery, evaluating, providing additional testimony or rendering an opinion on the Company's actions in incurring costs related to the Prepaid Pilot in a subsequent general rate case or other proceeding.

9. This Stipulation shall be effective upon execution of the Parties and shall be interpreted according to South Carolina law.

10. The Parties represent that the terms of this Stipulation are based upon full and accurate information known as of the date this Stipulation is executed. If, after execution, either Party is made aware of information that conflicts, nullifies, or is otherwise materially different than that information upon which this Stipulation is based, either Party may withdraw from the Stipulation with written notice to the other Party.

11. This Stipulation shall bind and inure to the benefit of each of the signatories hereto and their representatives, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, shareholders, officers,

directors (in their individual and representative capacities), subsidiaries, affiliates, parent corporations, joint ventures, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, and attorneys.

12. Each party acknowledges its consent and agreement to this Stipulation by authorizing its counsel to affix his or her signature to this document where indicated below. Counsel's signature represents his or her representation that his or her client has authorized the execution of this Stipulation. Facsimile signatures and e-mail signatures shall be recognized as effective as original signatures to bind any party. This document may be signed in counterparts, with the various signature pages combined with the body of the document constituting an original and provable copy of this Stipulation.

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